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SUBJ: FAO COUNCIL DEBATE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS

1. FAO COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF THE THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS (CL 71/6) CENTERED MAINLY ON WHETHER THE CCP OUGHT TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION. STRONG AND UNIFIED OPPOSITION OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO SUCH INVOLVEMENT WAS GIVEN A SUBSTANTIAL BOOST BY INTERVENTION OF GABON ON A POINT OF ORDER, CLAIMING THAT MATTER WAS BEYOND THE TECHNICAL COMPETENCE OF THE COUNCIL.

2. BRAZIL LED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN DEBATE WITH ATTACK ON CODEX PROCEDURES, CLAIMING THAT S STANDARDS WERE PASSED OVER STRENUOUS OBJECTIOS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND THAT PRACTICE OF HOLDING MEETINGS IN SHIFTING, OUT-OF-THE-WAY LOCATIONS (SIC) WAS UNFAIR BECAUSE IT RESULTED IN DEVELOPING COUNTRY MINORITIES. BRAZIL CITED ADOPTION OF STANDARD REDUCING COCOA CONTENT OF CHOCOLATE FROM 32 PERCENT TO 25 PERCENT AS AN EXAMPLE OF DISCRIMINATORY ACTION. INDIA SUGGESTED TRADE IMPACT STATEMENT FOR EACH STANDARD.

3. FAO SECRETARIAT SUMMARIZED DEBATE AND SUGGESTED MATTER BE UNCLASSIFIED

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REFERRED TO CODEX COMMISSION WITH REQUEST THAT THEIR REACTION BE FORWARDED TO DIRECTORS GENERAL OF FAO AND WHO WHO WOULD THEN DECIDE WHETHER FURTHER ACTION WAS REQUIRED. THIS SUGGESTION APPEARED TO MOLLIFY BRAZIL AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR THE PRESENT BUT ACTUAL LANGUAGE WILL HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT IN DRAFTING COMMITTEE.

4. BUREAU DECIDED THAT FALL SESSION OF CCP WAS NOT JUSTIFIABLE;
THEIR DECISION WAS NOT DISPUTED BY ANY DELEGATION.GARDNER

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